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1. DURING CALL BY CHARGE AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL WEYAND ON MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN AUGUST 2, CHARGE TOLD PRINCE THAT IN A FEW DAY'S EMBASSY WOULD BE RECEIVING LETTERS OF OFFER FOR USG PROPOSED "IMPACT PACKAGE" FOR YAR. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL, HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PRESENT THEM TO HRH.

2. SULTAN SAID THIS SHOULD BE DONE; HE SAID THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WOULD BEGIN AUGUST 3 WITH YEMENI PRIME MINISTER ABDAL-GHANI WOULD BE PURELY ECONOMIC, BUT THAT SAG'S STUDY OF A MILITARY ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR YEMEN WAS NEARING COMPLETION.

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SULTAN SAID THIS PLAN SHOULD BE READY FOR DISCUSSION WITH YAR

COS GHASHMI WHEN HE ARRIVES IN SAUDI ARABIA IN MID-AUGUST. BEFORE THEN, SULTAN EXPECTED TO REVIEW SAG'S ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS WITH THE EMBASSY.

3. IN WHAT WAS ALMOST A PARODY OF U.S.-SAUDI DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SAUDI ARABIA'S OWN MILITARY DEVELOPMENT, SULTAN SAID THAT THE PRIME EMPHASIS IN YAR'S MILITARY DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE ON TRAINING AND UPGRADING OF MANPOWER. IF HYPER-MODERN EQUIPMENT WERE GIVEN TO THE YAR, IT WOULD ONLY FURTHER EMPHASIZE THE PROBLEMS OF TRAINING AND ORGANIZATION THAT YEMEN'S ARMY WAS FACING. HE SAID SAG HAD RECENTLY TAKEN IN 100 YEMANI MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING IN SAUDI MILITARY SCHOOLS, AND HAD GIVEN YEMEN 11 TANKS TO BRING SOME YEMENI ARMORED UNIT(S) UP TO AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.
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